

of said first and second layers and the first, second and intermediate core layers are ultrasonically through bonded to form a unified article having perforations of less than 0.5 mm in diameter extending through all of said layers, said perforations having been formed during ultrasonic bonding.

A clean copy of the claims as amended is attached.

Remarks

Record is made of a telephone conference with the Examiner at which the application was discussed and this opportunity is taken to thank the Examiner for all of the courtesies extended by him to the undersigned during that conference.

As agreed at the conference an amendment has been prepared, based on the claims as originally presented in the application, and with the words "method of manufacturing" not being underlined but with "substantially dry" being underlined.

The Examiner indicated such filing would obviate the "non-compliant" holding of the prior amendment.

Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Claim 6 has been cancelled and claims 14 and 15 are withdrawn from consideration.

It is submitted that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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